

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 and add new claims 15-20 as follows.

1. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display comprising:

a first panel having inner and outer surfaces;

a second panel facing the first panel and having inner and outer surfaces;

a pixel electrode provided on the inner surface of the first panel;

a common electrode provided on the inner surface of the second panel; and

a liquid crystal layer between the first and the second panels,

wherein a voltage value of a first gray representing the darkest state applied

between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is within a voltage range for

yielding a quotient greater than or equal to about 0.8 for all viewing angles when a

contrast ratio at the voltage value is divided by a contrast ratio when the voltage

applied between the pixel electrode and the common electrode is zero.

2. (previously presented) The liquid crystal display of claim 1 further

comprising first and second polarizers disposed on respective outer surfaces of the

first and the second panels.

3. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 2, wherein the liquid crystal

layer is vertically aligned in absence of electric field.

4. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 3 further comprising

domain-defining member for restricting the tilt directions of molecules in the liquid

crystal layer, provided in one or both of the first and the second panels.

5. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 4, wherein the domain-defining member is openings in the pixel electrode or the common electrode.

6. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 5, wherein the voltage value of the first gray is equal to or lower than 1.4 V.

7. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 6, wherein the openings are provided in both the pixel electrode and the common electrode.

8. (original) The liquid crystal display of claim 7, wherein regions divided by the openings are classified into four domains depending on the tilt directions of the liquid crystal molecules.

9. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a first and second panel, each having inner and outer surfaces, with inner surfaces facing each other;
a pixel electrode disposed on the inner surface of the first panel and a common electrode disposed on the inner surface of the second panel; and
a liquid crystal layer having crystal molecules disposed between the first and second panels, wherein
a domain defining member is formed in ~~at least one~~ of the common

electrode and the pixel electrode for restricting the tilt directions of the crystal molecules, the domain defining member including a longitudinal opening in the pixel electrode dividing a portion of the pixel electrode into two partitions and an aperture in the common electrode having at least one longitudinal portion dividing one of the two partitions, and
the voltage value of a first gray is equal to or lower than 1.4 V.

10. (withdrawn) The display according to claim 9, wherein the domain defining member includes an upper opening, middle opening and a lower opening arranged laterally along a longitudinal direction, the upper and lower openings being symmetrically spaced with respect to the middle opening.

11. (withdrawn) The display according to claim 10, wherein each of the upper and lower openings includes a slant portion which slants toward the middle opening.

12. (withdrawn) The display according to claim 10, wherein the domain defining member further includes upper, lower, and middle apertures, the upper and lower apertures having the same shape and are disposed symmetrically about the middle aperture.

13. (withdrawn) The display according to claim 12, wherein each of the apertures includes at least one slant portion, the slant portion in the upper and lower

apertures slanting in a parallel direction with respect to one of two slants in the middle aperture.

14. (original) The display according to claim 9, wherein the domain defining member includes a plurality of openings arranged laterally along a longitudinal direction, with at least one opening disposed in a direction transverse to the longitudinal direction.

15. (new) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a first panel having inner and outer surfaces;
a second panel facing the first panel and having inner and outer surfaces;
a pixel electrode provided on the inner surface of the first panel;
a common electrode provided on the inner surface of the second panel; and
a liquid crystal layer between the first and the second panels,
wherein the pixel electrode and the common electrode each include a plurality of openings for restricting tilt directions of molecules of the liquid crystal layer, the pixel electrode including an opening dividing an upper portion of the pixel electrode into two partitions and the common electrode including an opening having at least two portions, each of the at least two portions dividing a respective one of the two partitions.

16. (new) The liquid crystal display according to claim 15, wherein the opening dividing the upper portion and the at least two portions extend in the same

direction.

17. (new) The liquid crystal display according to claim 15, wherein the pixel electrode includes a plurality of openings dividing a lower portion of the pixel electrode into a plurality of partitions.

18. (new) The liquid crystal display according to claim 17, wherein the common electrode includes at least two openings for respectively dividing at least two of the plurality of partitions.

19. (new) The liquid crystal display according to claim 17, wherein the common electrode includes at least two openings overlapping at least two of the plurality of partitions for respectively forming at least two edges of the lower portion of the pixel electrode.

20. (new) The liquid crystal display according to claim 15, wherein the opening in the common electrode having at least two portions includes a third portion perpendicular to the at least two portions forming an edge of the pixel electrode.